



Community Project Funding
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MI-07 Contact Information

Please direct all questions and submissions by April 20, 2022 for community projects to [MI07TW Community Project Funding Requests@mail.house.gov](mailto:MI07TW_Community_Project_Funding_Requests@mail.house.gov)

Important Links

House Appropriations Committee

<https://appropriations.house.gov/transparency/fiscal-year-2023>

Rep. Walberg Submissions Page

<https://walberg.house.gov/community-project-submissions>

Deadline – April 20, 2022

All submissions to the Office of Rep. Walberg for Community Projects must be in by close of business on April 20, 2022. Once submitted your request will undergo a thorough review, during which time members of the Congressman's staff may follow up for additional information.

Overview of the Appropriations Process

Each year, the United States Congress considers and enacts annual appropriations bills, which provide the federal government with the funding it needs to operate. All federal funding is divided between twelve bills that each cover a subset of federal agencies.

As your Representative in Congress, Rep. Walberg is able to advocate for community related projects important to MI-07. This is why it is important constituents and local government agencies share key priorities and areas of need.

Overview of the Community Project Funding Process

For fiscal year 2023 the House Appropriations Committee will be accepting Community Project Funding requests. These requests will be funded through the numerous government funding bills.

Rep. Walberg is able to recommend important local projects for federal funding this year. However, it is important to note the details of how this process will work this year.

First, the Appropriations Committee has limited Members of Congress of up to fifteen Community Project requests. While there is great need for lots of individual projects to receive funding, the Committee has a relatively limited budget and cannot guarantee any project will be funded.

Second, it is important that any request must satisfy every requirement laid out by the House Appropriations Committee. Please carefully review the information located within this document for important requirements from each appropriations subcommittee that will be relevant to your submission. Requirements may differ from one subcommittee to another.

Third, most importantly, each request must include demonstrated community support. Submissions must have evidence of community support, including (but not limited to):

- Letters of support from elected community leaders
- Resolutions passed by local/county/state governments
- Projects listed on community development plans, state intended use plans, and other publicly available planning documents

Additional requirements are listed below:

- A financial disclosure statement from Rep. Walberg certifying that neither his immediate family nor he have any financial interest in the proposed project.
- Only requests made by state or local governmental and eligible nonprofits will be accepted.
- Matching funding may be required for some projects (matching funding does NOT have to be in-hand, but officials must have a plan to fund in order to meet this requirement).
- Each project is funded only for FY 2023. Funds may not be requested for multiple years.

In the interest of transparency, all Members are required to post all Community Project Funding requests submitted to the committee on their website. The posting must include the name of the proposed recipient, the address, the amount of the request, and an explanation of the purpose and justification for the use of taxpayer funds. You can view previous projects submitted by Congressman Walberg [here](#).

As more information becomes available, this guide will be updated.

Requirements for Submission

- ✓ Eligible recipients can only be government and non-profit entities.
- ✓ To be eligible a project must reside within the seventh Congressional district of Michigan.
- ✓ You must include no less than 3 letters of support from elected officials or community leaders in your area expressing support for the project. Examples include:
 - A resolution from local government entity.
 - Letter signed by mayor, city council, township board, etc.
 - Letter signed by local community organizations.
 - Please note if you are a non-profit entity, one of these letters **MUST** come from a local government entity.
- ✓ Additionally, press articles about the project, documentation of the project being listed on community development plans or regional plans are also strongly encouraged.
- ✓ Requests with the following features may be given priority:
 - Funding from other sources such as state, local or non-government organizations.
 - The requested amount will complete the project.
- ✓ **The project must answer every supplemental question laid out by the House Appropriations Subcommittee of jurisdiction. More information on additional requirements can be found within this document.**

Community Project Funding Eligible Accounts

- **Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies**
 - Agricultural Research Service, Buildings and Facilities
 - Rural Development, Rural Community Facility Grants
 - Rural Utilities Service, ReConnect Grants
 - Rural Utilities Service, Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grants
 - Natural Resources Conservation Service, Conservation Operations
- **Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies**
 - Department of Commerce; National Institute of Standards and Technology; Scientific and Technical Research and Services
 - Department of Commerce; National Institute of Standards and Technology; Construction of Research Facilities
 - Department of Commerce; National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Operations, Research, and Facilities
 - Department of Justice; Byrne Justice Assistance Grants (JAG)
 - Department of Justice; Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Technology and Equipment
 - National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA); Safety, Security and Mission Services
- **Defense**
 - Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation Army
 - Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation Navy
 - Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation Air Force
 - Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation Space Force
 - Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation Defense-Wide
- **Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies**
 - Corps of Engineers:
 - Investigations
 - Construction
 - Mississippi River and Tributaries
 - Operation and Maintenance
 - Bureau of Reclamation:
 - Water and Related Resources
 - Department of Energy
 - Topics include:

- energy efficiency, renewable energy, sustainable transportation
 - electricity, energy security, emergency response
 - nuclear energy
 - fossil energy, carbon management, critical minerals
- **Financial Services and General Government**
 - General Services Administration, Federal Buildings Fund - New Construction - Major Repairs and Alterations and Basic Repairs Accounts
 - National Archives and Records Administration, National Historical Publications and Records Commission
 - Small Business Administration, Small Business Initiatives
- **Homeland Security**
 - Pre-Disaster Mitigation Projects
 - Emergency Operations Center Grant Program
- **Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies**
 - Interior - Save America's Treasures (SAT)
 - Interior - Federal Land Acquisition Through the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)
 - Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) - State and Tribal Assistance Grants (STAG) for infrastructure projects
 - United States Forest Service - State and Private Forestry projects
- **Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies**
 - DOL - Employment and Training Administration - Training and Employment Services
 - HHS - Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) - Health Facilities Construction and Equipment
 - HHS - Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) -Health Surveillance and Program Support
 - HHS - Administration for Children and Families (ACF) -Children and Families Services Programs – Child Abuse Prevention or Social Services Research and Demonstration
 - HHS - Administration for Community Living (ACL) - Aging and Disability Services Programs
 - Education - Innovation and Improvement
 - Education – Postsecondary Education
- **Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies**

- Construction and Unspecified Minor Construction – Active Components
 - Army
 - Navy and Marine Corps
 - Air Force
 - Space Force
 - Defense-Wide Agencies (Special Operations Command (SOCOM), Defense
 - Logistics Agency (DLA), etc.)
- Construction and Unspecified Minor Construction – Reserve Components
 - Army National Guard
 - Air National Guard
 - Army Reserve
 - Navy Reserve
 - Air Force Reserve
- Planning and Design
 - Army
 - Navy and Marine Corps
 - Air Force
 - Space Force
 - Defense-Wide Agencies (SOCOM, DHA, etc.)
 - Army National Guard
 - Air National Guard
 - Army Reserve
 - Navy Reserve
 - Air Force Reserve
- Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies
 - Department of Transportation
 - [Airport Improvement Program](#)
 - [Highway Infrastructure Projects](#)
 - [Transit Infrastructure Projects](#)
 - Department of Housing and Urban Development
 - [Economic Development Initiative](#)

Agriculture Subcommittee

<https://appropriations.house.gov/sites/democrats.appropriations.house.gov/files/FY23%20Ag-Rural%20Development-FDA%20Request%20Guidance.pdf>

For each Community Project Funding request, requesting entities will be asked to respond to a series of questions intended to provide transparency and ensure the project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds. Please provide answers to the following questions in a separate Word Document for projects requested under the Agriculture subcommittee jurisdiction:

1. The website address of the proposed recipient.
2. If there are additional costs necessary to complete the project, have those been secured?
3. For Rural Development projects, is the project for an eligible purpose and does it meet all eligibility requirements under current law?
4. Does the entity plan to make grants to other entities from the funds provided and if so, to whom?
5. Why is the project a priority for the area? Briefly explain the community benefits.
6. Has any funding for the project been included in any presidential budget and if so, how much, in which fiscal year, and in which agency or agencies and program(s)?
7. Has the project received federal funding before and if so, how much, when, and from which agency or agencies and program(s)?
8. For Agricultural Research Service, Buildings and Facilities only, what is the estimated start date of the project? How soon could the feasibility/engineering design phase commence? [mm/yy]
9. For Agricultural Research Service Buildings and Facilities only, does the project have distinct and separable phases?
10. For Agricultural Research Service Buildings and Facilities only, what is the estimated completion date of the project? When does completion of construction occur? [mm/yy]
11. For ReConnect requests only, please provide relevant information, such as the number of households, businesses, or farms that would be served,

what the performance of the service to be offered will be, and whether healthcare or educational facilities will be served.

12. For Conservation Operations, briefly describe how the project will reduce soil erosion, enhance water supplies, improve water quality, increase wildlife habitat, or other objectives that will help conserve, maintain, and improve natural resources.

Department of Agriculture Community Facilities Grants

Grants to purchase, construct, or improve essential community facilities, to purchase equipment, and pay other related project expenses. Essential community facilities include, but are not limited to, healthcare facilities, public facilities, public safety measures, educational services, or other community support services.

Examples of eligible projects include:

- medical or dental clinics,
- towns halls, courthouses,
- childcare centers,
- police or fire departments,
- public works vehicles,
- or distance learning equipment.

Any project must serve a rural area as specified in 7 CFR 3570.53, (rural areas including cities, villages, townships and Federally Recognized Tribal lands with no more than 20,000 residents) and the request must demonstrate community support. Such requests are also subject to the maximum grant assistance limitations specified in 7 CFR 3570.63(b).

Submissions should include details on all proposed uses of funds, activities that will occur, timeline, and detailed information on the complete service territory, including median household income of the proposed project. Please review all program regulations carefully, most notably:

- Cost share requirements. The Community Facilities program has a cost share calculated on a graduated scale. The applicant should be aware of any cost share as documented in 7 CFR 3570.63(b).

- Credit Elsewhere Test. Applicant shall certify they cannot finance the project from their own resources and credit is not otherwise available on reasonable terms from non-Federal sources.

Community Facilities grants generally cannot be used to pay initial operating expenses or annual recurring expenses, refinance existing debt, pay interest, build or repair facilities in non-rural areas, or pay for construction costs of facilities that will be used for commercial rental space.

For fiscal year 2022, the average CPF funding level was just over \$1 million. Please note that the Committee will consider higher project requests for fiscal year 2023. However, projects requesting significantly more than that average may be more difficult to fund and funding will depend on program demand and other variables. Any future potential project caps will be determined by the Chair after reviewing the full universe of requests.

Department of Agriculture ReConnect Program

ReConnect broadband pilot grants facilitate broadband deployment in rural areas. Grants funds can be used for the costs of construction, improvement, or acquisition of facilities and equipment needed to provide broadband service to rural areas without sufficient broadband access.

The area must be rural and lack sufficient access to broadband service. A rural area is any area which is not located within a city, town, or incorporated area that has a population of greater than 20,000 inhabitants. Sufficient access to broadband is defined as greater than 90% of any rural area in which households have fixed, terrestrial broadband service delivering at least 25 Mbps downstream and 3 Mbps upstream. Mobile and satellite services will not be considered in making the determination of sufficient access to broadband.

Stand-alone middle-mile projects are not eligible under the ReConnect Program. However, middle-mile facilities are eligible if they are needed to bring sufficient broadband service to all premises in the area.

Requesters are strongly encouraged to include information in their requests, such as the number of households, businesses, or farms will be served in the area,

what the performance of the service to be offered will be, and whether healthcare or educational facilities will be served.

For fiscal year 2022, the average ReConnect CPF award was nearly \$2 million. Please note the subcommittee will consider higher project requests for fiscal year 2023. However, projects requesting significantly more than that average may be more difficult to fund and funding will depend on program demand and other variables. Any future potential project caps will be determined by the Chair after reviewing the full universe of requests.

Additionally, when submitting a request, Requesters are reminded that all policies and procedures apply, including environmental and related reviews and the **cost share requirement of 25%** of the overall project cost. Policies and procedures can be found at <https://go.usa.gov/xexPT>.

Department of Agriculture Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grants

The Distance Learning and Telemedicine program (DLT) helps rural residents better utilize the enormous potential of modern telecommunications and the internet for education and healthcare, two critical components of economic and community development. The DLT program helps rural communities acquire the technology and training necessary to connect educational and medical professionals with students, teachers, and patients in rural areas.

Grants may be used for audio and video equipment, broadband facilities that support distance learning or telemedicine (not actual broadband), computer hardware or network components/software, and acquisition of instructional programing.

All requests are subject to all the regulations governing the program which can be found at 7 CFR Part 1734. The program requires a 15% match that cannot come from another federal source.

Competitive awards typically range from \$50,000 to \$1,000,000 and the Committee will consider projects in this range. This a new account for the fiscal 2023 House process; in fiscal year 2022, the average Senate CPF in this account was \$359,000. Requesters are strongly encouraged to provide as much detail as

possible on how the award will be utilized, what equipment of service will be acquired and any information on population(s) served. The program is intended to serve rural areas with populations of 20,000 or less.

Agricultural Research Service, Buildings and Facilities

The Agricultural Research Service (ARS) owns and operates laboratories and facilities across the United States. Many of these laboratories/facilities are decades old, have outlived their functional lifespan, and are badly in need of major repairs, renovation, or replacement. Facility requests must be for ARS-owned facilities or for facilities that will enhance ongoing ARS work. Requests can assist in the acquisition of land, construction, repair, improvement, extension, alteration, and purchase of fixed equipment or facilities as necessary to carry out the agricultural research programs of the Department of Agriculture.

It is strongly encouraged that Community Project Funding requests include details on the research to be conducted, why the research is a high priority, as well as details on the modernization and why it is critical in carrying out the research.

Requests for ARS-owned facilities will be given priority for funding.

<https://www.ars.usda.gov/about-ars/>

Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service, Conservation Operations

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) supports private landowners, conservation districts, and other organizations to conserve, maintain, and improve the Nation's natural resources. Conservation Operations has four major program components: Conservation Technical Assistance, Soil Survey, Snow Survey and Water Supply Forecasting, and Plant Materials Centers. Examples of specific objectives include reduce soil erosion, improve soil health, enhance water supplies, improve water quality, increase wildlife habitat, and reduce damage caused by floods and other natural disasters. Due to the newness of the urban agriculture program, the subcommittee will not consider such proposals this year as part of CPFs in Conservation Operations.

Requesting entities are strongly encouraged to provide details on the work to be done, including if the project will conduct surveys, investigations, or research, and if there is a plan to publish the results of any such work. Requesters should also describe any preventive measures to be taken, such as engineering operations, methods of cultivation, or changes in use of land.

This is a new account for the fiscal year 2023 House process; in fiscal year 2022, the average Senate CPF in this account was \$1.1 million. The Committee will consider higher project requests for fiscal year 2023. However, projects requesting significantly more than that average may be more difficult to accommodate and will depend on program demand and other variables. Any future potential project caps will be determined by the Chair after reviewing the full universe of requests.

Commerce, Justice, Science Subcommittee

<https://appropriations.house.gov/sites/democrats.appropriations.house.gov/files/FY23%20CJS%20Member%20Request%20Guidance.pdf>

The Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Subcommittee is reviewing community project requests ONLY in the six categories listed below. Project requests that do not fit into one of these categories will not be eligible for community project funding. For each account, please see the specific guidelines below for additional information on eligible activities and submission criteria/questions.

1. Department of Commerce; National Institute of Standards and Technology; Scientific and Technical Research and Services
2. Department of Commerce; National Institute of Standards and Technology; Construction of Research Facilities
3. Department of Commerce; National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Operations, Research, and Facilities
4. Department of Justice; Byrne Justice Assistance Grants (JAG)
5. Department of Justice; Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Technology and Equipment
6. National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA); Safety, Security and Mission Services

NIST Scientific and Technical Research and Services (STRS)

Funding must be for activities consistent with and supportive of NIST's mission and within its authorities, such as STEM education activities, scientific research, or other activities that support American manufacturing and industry.

The median award in this account for FY 22 was \$1,250,000. Note the Committee may consider similar or higher project amounts for FY 23. Any caps will be determined after reviewing the full universe of requests, and while there are no guarantees, projects of a modest size are more likely to receive full funding.

This account does not fund vehicles or building construction or renovation.

Questions for NIST STRS projects *(Please submit on separate Word Document)*

Requesting entities submitting NIST STRS community project requests are required to submit answers to the following additional questions in a separate word document. Failure to complete all required questions will result in an incomplete project request. Incomplete project requests will not be considered for community project funds.

1. Please describe, with as much specificity as possible, the overall objectives of the proposed project and how the requested funds would be spent to achieve those goals.
2. If a non-profit, is the recipient entity a non-profit organization as described under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and exempt from tax under section 501(a) of such code?
3. Please provide the location of this project, in the format 'City (or County), State'.
4. Is the requested project currently authorized in law? If yes, please provide a specific legal citation of such authorization.
5. Are the proposed project activities consistent with the activities of the Federal agency? [yes/no]
6. If yes, please describe how these activities are consistent with the activities of the Federal Agency. If not, why is the project being requested?
7. Has the project been funded in the past? [yes/no]
8. If the project has been funded in the past, how much funding has been provided to date?
9. If the project has been funded in the past, were such funds provided for discrete, severable activities?
10. Please specify any non-Federal sources of funding that have been or are fully anticipated to be applied toward the project, including any dollar amounts and timelines for funding.
11. Is the proposed recipient currently in material non-compliance of a prior grant award made by the proposed Federal funding agency? [yes/no]
12. Recognizing that the Appropriations Committee may not be able to provide the full amount of funding requested, can this project spend a smaller amount of appropriated funds within 12 months of the enactment of the

Appropriations Act? If yes, please provide any details that may be helpful for understanding the scalability of the project.

13. Is this proposed project a priority for the local community? [yes/no]

14. If the project is not a priority for the local community, why is it being requested?

15. Please describe the current developmental status of this project.

16. What is the estimated impact of this project, e.g. number of jobs created/sustained, number of community members served, other projected impacts?

17. Is the intended recipient a for-profit entity? [yes/no]

18. Are you aware of another Member making a request for this same project? [yes/no]

19. Regarding this request, please provide any additional information that would be useful for the Appropriations Committee to have.

20. Has the intended recipient received any competitive grant funding or other funding from NIST at any time in the past ten years? [yes/no]

21. If yes, in what fiscal years and for what purposes?

22. For any science research project request, please provide the name of the individual who is anticipated to be the Principal Investigator for the research project, as well as a link to such person's curriculum vitae, and a list of this person's peer-reviewed publications related to the topic of the requested research project.

NIST Construction of Research Facilities—Extramural Construction

This account funds the construction and renovation of research facilities, provided that such facilities will be used in a manner that is aligned with and supportive of the mission of NIST. The median award in this account was \$10 million in FY 22, but this account was not open to community project funding in the House in FY 22. Note the Committee may consider lower project amounts for FY 23, and any caps will be determined after reviewing the full universe of requests. Given the expectation of limited resources and the large cost of research facilities, the Committee may not be able to fully fund all requests. While there are no guarantees, preference will be given to more modest requests.

Questions for NIST Construction project requests (*Please submit on separate Word Document*)

1. Please describe, with as much specificity as possible, the overall objectives of the proposed project and how the requested funds would be spent to achieve those goals.
2. If a non-profit, is the recipient entity a non-profit organization as described under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and exempt from tax under section 501(a) of such code?
3. Please provide the location of this project, in the format 'City (or County), State'
4. Is the requested project currently authorized in law? If yes, please provide a specific legal citation of such authorization.
5. Are the proposed project activities consistent with the activities of the Federal agency? [yes/no]
6. If yes, please describe how these activities are consistent with the activities of the Federal Agency. If not, why is the project being requested?
7. Has the project been funded in the past? [yes/no]
8. If the project has been funded in the past, how much funding has been provided to date?
9. If the project has been funded in the past, were such funds provided for discrete, severable activities?
10. Please specify any non-Federal sources of funding that have been or are fully anticipated to be applied toward the project, including any dollar amounts and timelines for funding.
11. Is the proposed recipient currently in material non-compliance of a prior grant award made by the proposed Federal funding agency? [yes/no]
12. Recognizing that the Appropriations Committee may not be able to provide the full amount of funding requested, can this project spend a smaller amount of appropriated funds within 12 months of the enactment of the Appropriations Act? If yes, please provide any details that may be helpful for understanding the scalability of the project.
13. Is this proposed project a priority for the local community? [yes/no]
14. If the project is not a priority for the local community, why is it being requested?

15. Please describe the current developmental status of this project.
16. What is the estimated impact of this project, e.g. number of jobs created/sustained, number of community members served, other projected impacts?
17. Is the intended recipient a for-profit entity? [yes/no]
18. Are you aware of another Member making a request for this same project? [yes/no]
19. Regarding this request, please provide any additional information that would be useful for the Appropriations Committee to have.
20. Please provide a detailed budget and schedule timeline for the planned construction or renovation project associated with this request.
21. Please explain how this project is aligned with the mission of NIST.

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Operations, Research, and Facilities

Community project funding for NOAA will only be considered within the Operations, Research, and Facilities account. This account does not fund construction projects, and as such, any such requests will not be considered. Requests for funding will be considered for research, demonstration, or education projects performed by external partners or for prioritizing NOAA internal funds for geographically specific projects. Any such project must be aligned with NOAA's mission and within their existing authorities. The median award in this account for FY 22 was \$750,000. Note the Committee may consider similar or higher project amounts for FY 23. Any caps will be determined after reviewing the full universe of requests, and while there are no guarantees, projects of a modest size are more likely to receive full funding.

The subcommittee will not entertain requests for community project funding for the Office of Marine and Aviation Operations. Coastal Zone Management funds are distributed to states on a formula basis and will not be considered for community project funding. Historically, the Committee has not funded vehicles or building construction or renovation as part of community project funding under this account.

Questions for NOAA Operations, Research, and Facilities project *(Please submit on separate Word Document)*

Requesting entities submitting NOAA Operations, Research, and Facilities community project requests are required to submit answers to the following additional questions in a separate Word Document. Failure to complete all required questions will result in an incomplete project request. Incomplete project requests will not be considered for community project funds.

- Please describe, with as much specificity as possible, the overall objectives of the proposed project and how the requested funds would be spent to achieve those goals.
- If a non-profit, is the recipient entity a non-profit organization as described under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and exempt from tax under section 501(a) of such code?
- Please provide the location of this project, in the format 'City (or County), State'.
- Is the requested project currently authorized in law? If yes, please provide a specific legal citation of such authorization.
- Are the proposed project activities consistent with the activities of the Federal agency? [yes/no]
- If yes, please describe how these activities are consistent with the activities of the Federal Agency. If not, why is the project being requested?
- Has the project been funded in the past? [yes/no]
- If the project has been funded in the past, how much funding has been provided to date?
- If the project has been funded in the past, were such funds provided for discrete, severable activities?
- Please specify any non-Federal sources of funding that have been or are fully anticipated to be applied toward the project, including any dollar amounts and timelines for funding.
- Is the proposed recipient currently in material non-compliance of a prior grant award made by the proposed Federal funding agency? [yes/no]
- Recognizing that the Appropriations Committee may not be able to provide the full amount of funding requested, can this project spend a smaller

amount of appropriated funds within 12 months of the enactment of the Appropriations Act? If yes, please provide any details that may be helpful for understanding the scalability of the project.

- Is this proposed project a priority for the local community? [yes/no]
- If the project is not a priority for the local community, why is it being requested?
- Please describe the current developmental status of this project. o What is the estimated impact of this project, e.g. number of jobs created/sustained, number of community members served, other projected impacts?
- Is the intended recipient a for-profit entity? [yes/no] o Are you aware of another Member making a request for this same project? [yes/no]
- Regarding this request, please provide any additional information that would be useful for the Appropriations Committee to have.
- Has the intended recipient received any competitive grant funding or other funding from NOAA at any time in the past ten years? [yes/no]
- If yes, in what fiscal years and for what purposes?
- For any science research project request, please provide the name of the individual who is anticipated to be the Principal Investigator for the research project, as well as a link to such person's curriculum vitae, and a list of this person's peer-reviewed publications related to the topic of the requested research project.

Department of Justice- State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance - Byrne JAG

Office of Justice Programs, Byrne JAG Grants assist state, local, and tribal law enforcement efforts to prevent crime, improve the criminal justice system, provide victims' services, and other related activities. Community projects funded under this category must comply with the requirements cited in JAG statutes and be consistent with Justice Department guidance for the program. Below are the links to the Department's guidance and frequently asked questions regarding Byrne-JAG:

- <https://bjaojp.gov/program/jag/overview>
- <https://bjaojp.gov/sites/g/files/xyckuh186/files/media/document/jag-faqs.pdf>

The House Appropriations Committee encourages community project funding designed to help improve police-community relations. Historically, the House Appropriations Committee has not funded vehicles or building construction or renovation as part of community project funding under this account.

The median award in this account for FY 22 was \$500,000. Note the Committee may consider similar or higher project amounts for FY 23. Any caps will be determined after reviewing the full universe of requests, and while there are no guarantees, projects of a modest size are more likely to receive full funding.

Questions for Byrne JAG project requests (*Please submit on separate Word Document*)

Requesting entities submitting Byrne JAG project requests are required to submit answers to the following additional questions in a separate Word Document. Failure to complete all required questions will result in an incomplete project request. Incomplete project requests will not be considered for community project funds.

- Please describe, with as much specificity as possible, the overall objectives of the proposed project and how the requested funds would be spent to achieve those goals.
- If a non-profit, is the recipient entity a non-profit organization as described under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and exempt from tax under section 501(a) of such code?
- Please provide the location of this project, in the format 'City (or County), State'.
- Is the requested project currently authorized in law? If yes, please provide a specific legal citation of such authorization.
- Are the proposed project activities consistent with the activities of the Federal agency? [yes/no]
- If yes, please describe how these activities are consistent with the activities of the Federal Agency. If not, why is the project being requested?
- Has the project been funded in the past? [yes/no]

- If the project has been funded in the past, how much funding has been provided to date?
- If the project has been funded in the past, were such funds provided for discrete, severable activities? o Please specify any non-Federal sources of funding that have been or are fully anticipated to be applied toward the project, including any dollar amounts and timelines for funding.
- Is the proposed recipient currently in material non-compliance of a prior grant award made by the proposed Federal funding agency? [yes/no]
- Recognizing that the Appropriations Committee may not be able to provide the full amount of funding requested, can this project spend a smaller amount of appropriated funds within 12 months of the enactment of the Appropriations Act? If yes, please provide any details that may be helpful for understanding the scalability of the project.
- Is this proposed project a priority for the local community? [yes/no]
- If the project is not a priority for the local community, why is it being requested?
- Please describe the current developmental status of this project.
- What is the estimated impact of this project, e.g. number of jobs created/sustained, number of community members served, other projected impacts?
- Is the intended recipient a for-profit entity? [yes/no]
- Are you aware of another Member making a request for this same project? [yes/no]
- Regarding this request, please provide any additional information that would be useful for the Appropriations Committee to have.
- Is this request consistent with all current statutory and regulatory requirements of Byrne Justice Assistance Grant recipients and subrecipients? [yes/no]
- Is this project intended to serve primarily youth under age 18? [yes/no]
- Is this request to fund the acquisition of property or the construction or renovation of a building? [yes/no]
- Has the intended recipient received any COPS or Byrne-JAG funds at any time in the past ten years? [yes/no]
- If yes, in what fiscal years and for what purposes?

DOJ - Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) - Technology and Equipment

Funding will be provided for community project grants for State, local, and tribal law enforcement to develop and acquire effective technologies and interoperable communications that assist in investigating, responding to, and preventing crime, provided that such equipment meets the applicable requirements of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Office of Law Enforcement Standards (OLES).

The median award in this account for FY 22 was \$520,000. Note the Committee may consider similar or higher project amounts for FY 23. Any caps will be determined after reviewing the full universe of requests, and while there are no guarantees, projects of a modest size are more likely to receive full funding.

This funding will allow recipients the opportunity to establish and enhance any of a variety of technical equipment and/or programs to encourage the continuation and enhancement of community policing efforts within their jurisdictions. These projects should help improve police effectiveness and the flow of information among law enforcement agencies, local government service providers, and the communities they serve.

Historically, the Committee has not funded vehicles or building construction or renovation as part of community project funding under this account. Recipients of community project funding under this account may not subgrant to other organizations or agencies.

Questions for COPS Tech project requests (*Please submit on separate Word Document*)

Requesting entities submitting COPS project requests are required to submit answers to the following additional questions in a separate Word Document. Failure to complete all required questions will result in an incomplete project request. Incomplete project requests will not be considered for community project funds.

- Please describe, with as much specificity as possible, the overall objectives of the proposed project and how the requested funds would be spent to achieve those goals.

- If a non-profit, is the recipient entity a non-profit organization as described under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and exempt from tax under section 501(a) of such code?
- Please provide the location of this project, in the format 'City (or County), State'.
 - o Is the requested project currently authorized in law? If yes, please provide a specific legal citation of such authorization.
 - o Are the proposed project activities consistent with the activities of the Federal agency? [yes/no]
- If yes, please describe how these activities are consistent with the activities of the Federal Agency. If not, why is the project being requested?
- Has the project been funded in the past? [yes/no]
- If the project has been funded in the past, how much funding has been provided to date?
- If the project has been funded in the past, were such funds provided for discrete, severable activities?
- Please specify any non-Federal sources of funding that have been or are fully anticipated to be applied toward the project, including any dollar amounts and timelines for funding.
- Is the proposed recipient currently in material non-compliance of a prior grant award made by the proposed Federal funding agency? [yes/no]
- Recognizing that the Appropriations Committee may not be able to provide the full amount of funding requested, can this project spend a smaller amount of appropriated funds within 12 months of the enactment of the Appropriations Act? If yes, please provide any details that may be helpful for understanding the scalability of the project.
- Is this proposed project a priority for the local community? [yes/no]
- If the project is not a priority for the local community, why is it being requested?
- Please describe the current developmental status of this project.
 - o What is the estimated impact of this project, e.g. number of jobs created/sustained, number of community members served, other projected impacts?
- Is the intended recipient a for-profit entity? [yes/no]
- Are you aware of another Member making a request for this same project? [yes/no]

- Regarding this request, please provide any additional information that would be useful for the Appropriations Committee to have.
- Is this request to fund the acquisition of property or the construction or renovation of a building? [yes/no]
- Has the intended recipient received any COPS or Byrne-JAG funds at any time in the past ten years? [yes/no]
- If yes, in what fiscal years and for what purposes?

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION (NASA) Safety, Security, and Mission Services

Community project funding under the NASA Safety, Security, and Mission Services (NASA-SSMS) account must be for activities consistent with and supportive of the work of NASA's mission directorates and within the agency's authorities, such as STEM education activities and scientific research. Funding for building construction or renovation projects will not be considered for community project funding.

The median award in this account for FY 22 was \$900,000. Note the Committee may consider similar or higher project amounts for FY 23. Any caps will be determined after reviewing the full universe of requests, and while there are no guarantees, projects of a modest size are more likely to receive full funding.

Questions for NASA-SSMS project requests *(Please submit on separate Word Document)*

Requesting entities submitting NASA Safety, Security, and Mission Services community project requests are required to submit answers to the following additional questions within the online database. Failure to complete all required questions will result in an incomplete project request. Incomplete project requests will not be considered for community project funds.

- Please describe, with as much specificity as possible, the overall objectives of the proposed project and how the requested funds would be spent to achieve those goals.

- If a non-profit, is the recipient entity a non-profit organization as described under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and exempt from tax under section 501(a) of such code?
- Please provide the location of this project, in the format 'City (or County), State'.
 - o Is the requested project currently authorized in law? If yes, please provide a specific legal citation of such authorization.
 - o Are the proposed project activities consistent with the activities of the Federal agency? [yes/no]
- If yes, please describe how these activities are consistent with the activities of the Federal Agency. If not, why is the project being requested?
- Has the project been funded in the past? [yes/no]
 - o If the project has been funded in the past, how much funding has been provided to date?
- If the project has been funded in the past, were such funds provided for discrete, severable activities?
- Please specify any non-Federal sources of funding that have been or are fully anticipated to be applied toward the project, including any dollar amounts and timelines for funding.
 - o Is the proposed recipient currently in material non-compliance of a prior grant award made by the proposed Federal funding agency? [yes/no]
- Recognizing that the Appropriations Committee may not be able to provide the full amount of funding requested, can this project spend a smaller amount of appropriated funds within 12 months of the enactment of the Appropriations Act? If yes, please provide any details that may be helpful for understanding the scalability of the project.
- Is this proposed project a priority for the local community? [yes/no]
- If the project is not a priority for the local community, why is it being requested?
- Please describe the current developmental status of this project.
 - o What is the estimated impact of this project, e.g. number of jobs created/sustained, number of community members served, other projected impacts?
- Is the intended recipient a for-profit entity? [yes/no]
- Are you aware of another Member making a request for this same project? [yes/no]

- Regarding this request, please provide any additional information that would be useful for the Appropriations Committee to have.
- Is the project intended to serve primarily youth under age 18? [yes/no]
- Has the intended recipient received any competitive grant funding or other funding from NASA at any time in the past ten years? [yes/no]
- If yes, in what fiscal years and for what purposes?
- For any science research project request, please provide the name of the individual who is anticipated to be the Principal Investigator for the research project, as well as a link to such person's curriculum vitae, and a list of this person's peer-reviewed publications related to the topic of the requested research project.

Defense Subcommittee

<https://appropriations.house.gov/sites/democrats.appropriations.house.gov/files/documents/FY23%20Defense%20Dear%20Colleague.pdf>

The Subcommittee on Defense will accept project requests in the following accounts:

- Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation Army
- Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation Navy
- Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation Air Force
- Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation Space Force
- Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation Defense-Wide

The subcommittee will not accept project requests in any other account. In your submission please be sure to clearly provide the following details:

1. Provide the name of the specific recipient for the project request and the amount requested for fiscal year 2023.
2. Provide a description of the desired outcome of the project and how it would benefit the Department of Defense.
3. List the line number and Program Element number proposed to fund the project. This information can be found in the budget justification documents that will be posted at <https://comptroller.defense.gov/Budget-Materials/>.
4. State whether the request is a new or existing project; if existing, whether it previously received federal funds; and if so, identify the account, amount of funding, and fiscal year.
5. Provide the total cost of the project.
6. List the required funding in future years and the source of that funding.
7. Determine whether the program could start in a limited capacity if the Appropriations Committee cannot fully fund the request.

Energy and Water Development

Subcommittee

<https://appropriations.house.gov/sites/democrats.appropriations.house.gov/files/FY%2023%20Energy%20and%20Water%20Member%20Request%20Guidance.pdf>

The subcommittee will only be considering requests in the following accounts:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

- Investigations
- Construction
- Mississippi River and Tributaries
- Operation and Maintenance

U.S. Bureau of Reclamation

- Water and Related Resources

Department of Energy

- Topics include
 - energy efficiency, renewable energy, sustainable transportation
 - cybersecurity, energy security, emergency response
 - electricity, energy storage
 - nuclear energy
 - fossil energy, carbon management, critical mineral

Guidance Specific to the Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Reclamation

All requests for the Corps of Engineers (Corps) and Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) accounts listed above should reflect a funding amount that can be realistically utilized in FY23. This is referred to as the project's "capability" for FY23. All projects will be sent to the relevant agency for technical assistance, including regarding project capability.

Please note that for Reclamation, projects authorized under sections 4007, 4009(a), and 4009(c) of the Water Infrastructure Improvements Act for the Nation (WIIN) Act of 2016 (Public Law 114–322) will not be accepted.

Please note that it is of the utmost importance to provide the official project name and the correct project authorization information. If inaccurate information is provided, the Subcommittee may not be able to properly evaluate your request. To assist in identifying and providing the Subcommittee with the official project name and project authorization, lists of authorized projects in a searchable PDF format can be found [here](#).

Please locate your authorized Corps or Reclamation project and use the official project name as it appears in these lists. Once you locate the name of your project, you will also need to provide to the Subcommittee the Public Law and section of the law that authorizes your project, and enter it into the database in the appropriate place (as a response to a supplemental question). (example: P.L. 110–114, Section 1401).

If you are not able to find your authorized Corps project in the authorized project list, or if you have difficulty finding the authorization information, contact your local Corps District office to obtain this information. If you are not able to find your authorized Reclamation project in the authorized project list, or if you have difficulty finding the authorization information, contact your local Reclamation Region office to obtain this information.

For CPF requests for both the Corps and Reclamation, you will need the following information:

- Project Title: This should be the official project name, from the list mentioned above, or found in consultation with your local District or Regional office.
- Project Description: This should be a brief description of the project and its activities; can be found on the Corps or Reclamation website, or through discussions with your local Corps District or Reclamation Region office.
- Letters of Community Support
- Amount Requested for FY23:

- If the project is included in the President's budget request, the amount requested for FY23 should be only the additional amount above the budget request that you are requesting for the project. (This is a change from last year.)
- If the project is not included in the President's budget request, the amount requested for FY23 should be the amount you are requesting for the project.
- FY22 Enacted Amount:
 - If not included in FY22 enacted legislation or a Corps or Reclamation work plan, write \$0.
 - If included in FY22 enacted legislation, the FY22 enacted amount is the total of the President's budget request (if any) plus the amount in any Corps or Reclamation work plan (if applicable).
- Can the project obligate all appropriated funds within 12 months after enactment?: The answer to this question should be yes. If the answer is no, this project may not be a good candidate for CPF funding.
- Request submitted to another subcommittee this fiscal year?: If the answer is yes, please choose the appropriate subcommittee in the new dropdown box. Submitting the same project to multiple subcommittees is discouraged.
- Is the funding requested by a governmental or non-profit organization?
- Request Explanation: Provide a detailed explanation of the project purpose and why it is a valuable use of taxpayer funds.
- if making a Corps request, please provide the name of the Corps District where the project is located. If making a Reclamation request, please provide the name of the Reclamation Region where the project is located.

Guidance Specific to the Department of Energy

All CPF requests for the Department of Energy (DOE) should reflect a funding amount that can complete the project or complete a discrete segment of the project. In the event that the Subcommittee cannot fully fund your request, information is required to be provided about a minimum funding level that could be realistically utilized in FY23 to advance the project or complete a discrete

segment of the project. If the minimum amount exceeds available funding, then the project may not be funded.

The number of projects and the amount will be limited. In FY10, the last year these DOE CPFs were included in the House, House projects selected for funding received \$740,000 on average, 7 and the range of funding was approximately \$75,000 to \$3 million. Note that the Committee may consider similar or slightly lower amounts for FY23, and any caps will be determined after reviewing the full universe of requests.

Given the ban on directing Community Project Funding to for-profit entities, projects with for-profit entities as a recipient are not allowed. In addition, funds may not be used to support building construction (no brick and mortar). Electric vehicle (EV) charging station projects will not be considered unless there is a renewable energy or energy storage connection to the charging station. Please direct questions about any other EV charging station request to the Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development Subcommittee.

As stated above, only certain topic areas within the Department of Energy are eligible for CPF requests. Topics include:

- energy efficiency, renewable energy, sustainable transportation
- cybersecurity, energy security, emergency response
- electricity, energy storage
- nuclear energy
- fossil energy, carbon management, critical minerals

Statutory cost sharing requirements may apply to these projects, as required by section 988 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005. The amount of required cost sharing will depend on the scope and technological maturity of the project:

- Research or development activities of a basic or fundamental nature: no minimum cost share
- Research or development activities of an applied nature: minimum 20 percent cost share
- Demonstration or commercial application: minimum 50 percent cost share

For requests for the Department of Energy, please ensure you have provided the following information in a separate word document:

1. Project Title: This should be the official project name, and it should match the name used in the Financial Disclosure Letter and website providing project information.
2. Project Description: This should be a brief description of the project and its activities.
3. Estimated Start Date: This should be the estimated start date of the project.
4. Estimated End Date: This should be the estimated completion date of the project.
5. Letter of Community Support
6. Amount Requested for FY23: This should be the federal share (excluding any cost sharing requirements that may apply).
7. If the project is funded in the President's budget request, the amount entered here should be the amount above the budget request.
8. Total Project Cost: All requests for DOE should reflect a funding amount that can complete the project or complete a discrete segment of the project.
9. FY23 President's Budget Request Amount: If not included in the FY23 President's budget request, write \$0.
10. FY22 Enacted Amount: If not included in FY22 enacted legislation, write \$0.
11. Can the project obligate all appropriated funds within 12 months after enactment?:
12. Request submitted to another subcommittee this fiscal year?: Submitting the same project to multiple subcommittees is discouraged.
13. Employer Identification Number (EIN)
14. Provide an explanation of the benefit of the project to addressing the nation's energy challenges. This should not repeat the Project Description already provided.
15. please indicate if the requested funding completes the project. As a reminder, all requests for DOE should reflect a funding amount that can complete the project or complete a discrete segment of the project. If the Subcommittee cannot fully fund your request, information is required to be

provided about a funding level that could be realistically utilized in FY23 to advance the project or complete a discrete segment of the project.

16. please provide the minimum amount of funding, or smallest useful increment of funding, that could be used to advance the project or complete a discrete segment of the project if the full requested amount is not available. If the minimum amount exceeds available funding, then the project may not be funded.
17. please select which type of project it is.
 - For research or development activities of a basic or fundamental nature, please select “basic or fundamental science”.
 - For research or development activities of an applied nature, please select “applied research and development”.
 - For demonstration or commercial application activities, please select “demonstration or commercial”.
 - For projects that contain elements of more than one of the categories above, please select “combination”. You will be required to provide an explanation in the following supplemental question.
 - For any other type of project, please provide an explanation of how the project does not fit into the categories but still meets the mission of the Department of Energy
18. Please indicate yes or no if the recipient has the ability to meet the statutory cost sharing requirements that may apply to the project. As a reminder, statutory cost sharing requirements may apply to the project, as required by section 988 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005. Additional information about cost sharing requirements is provided above.

Financial Services and General Government

Subcommittee

<https://appropriations.house.gov/sites/democrats.appropriations.house.gov/files/FY23%20FSGG%20Member%20Request%20Guidance.pdf>

Only the following accounts in the FSGG appropriations bill will be open for community project requests:

- **General Services Administration, Federal Buildings Fund - New Construction, Major Repairs and Alterations and Basic Repairs Accounts:** Projects are limited to line items in the GSA Federal Buildings Fund requested by the Administration in either the FY22 or FY23 budget request. This account was not eligible for community project funding in the House in FY22 but was eligible for community project funding in the Senate. The awards in FY22 ranged from \$500,000 to \$50 million. Note that the Committee may consider a similar project range for FY23, and any caps will be determined by the Chair after reviewing the full universe of requests.
- **National Archives and Records Administration, National Historical Publications and Records Commission:** Projects that help ensure online public discovery and use of historical records collections, encourage public engagement with historical records, strengthen the nation's archival network, or publish documentary editions of historical records. Generally, projects should comply with the eligibility requirements for existing National Historical Publications and Records Commission grants programs as specified at <https://www.archives.gov/nhprc/apply/eligibility.html>. This account was not eligible for community project funding in the House in FY22 but was eligible for equivalent funding in the Senate. The average award in FY22 was just under \$500,000. Note that the Committee may consider slightly higher project amounts for FY23, and any caps will be determined by the Chair after reviewing the full universe of requests.
- **Small Business Administration, Small Business Initiatives:** Projects in support of small businesses, including but not limited to entrepreneur training, workforce development, counseling, research, and construction or acquisition of facilities. The average award in this account for FY22 was

\$650,000. Note the Committee may consider slightly higher project amounts for FY23, and any caps will be determined by the Chair after reviewing the full universe of requests.

Requesting entities should provide answers to the series of questions below in a separate word document, which are intended to provide transparency and ensure the Community Project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds. The questions for each account are listed below.

General Services Administration, Federal Buildings Fund, Repairs and Alterations-Basic Repairs

1. Does the public have access to the building the project will be completed in?
2. Can this project be executed by a small business?
3. Does this request augment an existing Basic Repairs project?
4. Has a Major Alteration and Repairs project been completed at this site in the last three years?
5. Community engagement and support is crucial in determining which projects are worthy of Federal funding. To that end, please describe or include evidence of community support that were compelling factors in the Member's decision to submit this project request. Please include any relevant links to information posted on your website, or online, including letters of support as well as a list of any material you are uploading.

National Archives and Records Administration, National Historical Publications and Records Commission

1. How will this project directly help ensure online public discovery and use of historical records collections, encourage public engagement with historical records, strengthen the nation's archival network, or publish documentary editions of historical records?
2. Please provide a detailed spend plan for the requested funding, breaking down anticipated expenditures for each major category of project activity.

3. Are there matching funds associated with the requested funds? If yes, please list the source(s) and amount(s).
4. If the request does not fully fund the project, describe where the remaining funding comes from to fund the project.
5. If the Appropriations Committee is not able to provide the full amount of funding requested, can this project start in a limited capacity?
6. Is this a new or ongoing project? If it is an ongoing project, please provide a history of funding for the project, including Federal, state, or local government; non-profit; corporate.
7. Will the funds go to an organization that will make sub-grants of those funds to other organizations? If yes, please list the sub-grantees.
8. Is this a capital project or will any funds support operating costs?
9. Who will oversee the administration/management of the project and what accountability measures will be in place to ensure the appropriate use of taxpayer funds?
10. What performance standards will be used to evaluate whether the program or project supported by the funds meets its mission?
11. Has the organization or any potential sub-grantees been subject to sanction or litigation by State, local, or Federal governments in the past five years? If yes, please provide details.
12. Has the organization received funding from the National Archives and Records Administration in the past 5 years? If yes, please provide details on the amount(s) and purpose(s) for which these funds were received.
13. Community engagement and support is crucial in determining which projects are worthy of Federal funding. To that end, please describe or include evidence of community support that were compelling factors in the Member's decision to submit this project request. Please include any relevant links to information posted on your website, or online, including letters of support as well as a list of any material you are uploading.

Small Business Administration, Small Business Initiatives

1. How will this project directly benefit small businesses and/or entrepreneurs at the local, regional, and/or national level?
2. Please provide a detailed spend plan for the requested funding, breaking down anticipated expenditures for each major category of project activity.
3. Are there matching funds associated with the requested funds? If yes, please list the source(s) and amount(s).
4. If the request does not fully fund the project, describe where the remaining funding comes from to fund the project.
5. If the Appropriations Committee is not able to provide the full amount of funding requested, can this project start in a limited capacity? {yes/no}
6. Is this a new or ongoing project? If it is an ongoing project, please provide a history of funding for the project, including Federal, state, or local government; non-profit; corporate.
7. Will the funds go to an organization that will make sub-grants of those funds to other organizations? If yes, please list the sub-grantees.
8. Is the project a capital project or will the funds support operating costs?
9. Who will oversee the administration/management of the project and what accountability measures will be in place to ensure the appropriate use of taxpayer funds?
10. What performance standards will be used to evaluate whether the program or project supported by the funds meets its mission?
11. Has the organization or any potential sub-grantees been subject to sanction or litigation by State, local, or Federal governments in the past five years? If yes, please provide details.
12. Has the organization received funding from the Small Business Administration in the past 3 years? If yes, please provide details on the amount(s) and purpose(s) for which these funds were received.
13. Community engagement and support is crucial in determining which projects are worthy of Federal funding. To that end, please describe or include evidence of community support that were compelling factors in the Member's decision to submit this project request. You may include any relevant links to information posted on your website, or online, including letters of support.

Homeland Security Subcommittee

<https://appropriations.house.gov/sites/democrats.appropriations.house.gov/files/FY23%20Homeland%20Security%20Member%20Project%20Instructions.pdf>

DHS – Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grants

Only projects that meet the requirements detailed in the most recent [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#) for the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant program will be considered for funding, including the cost-share requirement and environmental and historic preservation requirements, as applicable. For any projects designated for funding in the final fiscal year 2023 Homeland Security Appropriations Act, the state agency responsible for administering mitigation grants in the requestor's state must submit an application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and that entity will serve as the administrative agent for the grant. Therefore, **all project proposals must be accompanied by a letter of support from the appropriate state agency** affirming that it believes the project is eligible.

Please pay careful attention to FEMA's eligibility requirements when answering the following questions. Please provide answers to these question in a separate word document:

1. Is the requesting jurisdiction a state, Indian tribal government, local government, or territory as defined by section 102 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5122)?
2. Is the proposed project eligible under the most recent [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#) for the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities grant program?
3. Can the requesting jurisdiction provide the required non-federal cost share, as detailed in the NOFO?
4. If less than the requested amount were provided as the federal share, would additional state local, or other eligible funding sources be available to support the project?
5. Can the requesting jurisdiction provide a Cost-Benefit Analysis or other documentation that validates cost-effectiveness, which is defined by FEMA

as having a Benefit-Cost Ratio (BCA) of 1.0 or greater? A non-FEMA BCA methodology may only be used if preapproved by FEMA in writing.

6. Is the entity that will benefit from the proposed activity covered by the current FEMA approved multi-hazard mitigation plan in compliance with 44 CFR Part 201? If so, what is the Final FEMA Approval date.
7. How will the project provide long-term permanent risk-reduction, as opposed to simply supporting emergency protective measures?
8. Can the recipient describe how the project supports the needs of vulnerable populations?
9. Does the recipient specifically encourage the adoption and enforcement of the latest disaster resistant building codes?
10. Provide a clear and detailed description of the proposed mitigation activity.
11. How will the mitigation activity be implemented?
12. Who will manage and complete the mitigation activity?
13. What risks will remain from all hazards after project implementation (i.e., residual risk)?
14. How does the project take into account future conditions?
15. Has the project been submitted to current or previous competitive BRIC funding cycles?
16. If the answer to the previous question is yes, what is the subgrant ID?
17. Community engagement and support is crucial in determining which projects are worthy of federal funding. Please describe or include evidence of community support that were compelling factors in the Member's decision to submit this project request, including letters of support and any relevant links to information posted on the Member's website or other online sources.
18. Has your office or the community consulted with state/county/local emergency management officials or with FEMA about the proposed project?
19. If the answer to the previous question is yes, please provide name agency and contact information.
20. Is there or will there be a letter from the appropriate state officials confirming that should the project be approved the appropriate state agency is willing and able to serve as the recipient for the grant?

DHS - Emergency Operations Center Grant Program

Only projects that meet the requirements detailed in the most [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#) for the Emergency Operations Center Grant Program, including the cost-share requirement and environmental and historic preservation requirements, as applicable, will be considered for funding. For any projects designated for funding in the final fiscal year 2023 Homeland Security Appropriations Act, the respective state administrative agency (SAA) must House Appropriations Committee Subcommittee on Homeland Security Majority Staff 7 March 2022 submit an application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and that agency will serve as the administrative agent for the grant. Therefore, **all project proposals must be accompanied by a letter of support from the appropriate SSA** affirming that it believes the project is eligible.

Please pay careful attention to FEMA's eligibility requirements when answering the following questions Please provide answers to these question in a separate word document:

1. Is the requesting jurisdiction a state, Indian tribal government, or local government as defined by section 102 or 602 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 USC 5122, 5195a?
2. Is the proposed project eligible under the most recent [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#) for the Emergency Operations Center Grant Program? (For EOCs, the fiscal year 2011 NOFO is the most recent.)
3. Can the requesting jurisdiction provide the required 25 percent non-federal cost share?
4. If less than the requested amount were provided as the federal share, would additional state local, or other eligible funding sources be available to support the project?
5. Is the requestor in a position to enhance their emergency management capabilities and address their Emergency Operations Center needs?
6. Is the proposed project related to a structure or facility that meets the [definition of an EOC](#), to include supporting incident management (on-scene) operations across multiple functional disciplines and/or jurisdictions?

7. Is the facility (or will the facility) be the primary Emergency Operations Center for the jurisdiction?
8. Community engagement and support is crucial in determining which projects are worthy of federal funding. Please describe or include evidence of community support that were compelling factors in the Member's decision to submit this project request, including letters of support and any relevant links to information posted on the Member's website or other online sources.
9. Has your office or the community consulted with state/county/local emergency management officials or with FEMA about the proposed project?
10. If the answer to the previous question is yes, please provide name agency and contact information.
11. Is there or will there be a letter from the appropriate state officials confirming that should the project be approved the appropriate state agency is willing and able to serve as the recipient for the grant?

Interior and Environment Subcommittee

<https://appropriations.house.gov/sites/democrats.appropriations.house.gov/files/FY23%20Interior%2C%20Environment%2C%20and%20Related%20Agencies%20Member%20Project%20Instructions.pdf>

Save America's Treasures(SAT) through the National Park Service

The Save America's Treasures grant program is for preservation and/or conservation work on nationally significant collections and historic properties. The SAT program falls under the purview of the Historic Preservation Fund account and was established in 1998 to celebrate America's premier cultural resources in the new millennium (Public Law 113–287, Section 308902, 128 Stat. 3244; 54 USC 3089 et seq.). The existing competitive grant program funds two categories of projects: awards managed by the National Park Service (NPS) for preservation projects at properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places for national significance or designated a National Historic Landmark; and awards managed by the Institute of Museum and Library Services for projects involving nationally significant collections (including artifacts, museum collections, documents, sculptures, and other works of art).

To be considered for Community Project Funding, each applicant must provide information consistent with competitive application requirements. All grant recipients must comply with relevant requirements for recipients of Federal financial assistance and program-specific requirements found [here](#) on NPS's SAT website. Requesting entities are encouraged to consider a project funding threshold of up to \$500,000 when making requests in this account. This a new account for the FY23 House process.

All SAT grants require a dollar-for-dollar non-federal matching share. Recipients of any SAT project funded in the Interior bill must be able to match the amount provided. The property must be on the National Register of Historic Places in order to be eligible to receive funding. Grants are not available for work on sites or collections owned by the NPS. Other federal agencies working with a nonprofit partner to preserve the historic properties or collections owned by the federal

agency may submit applications through the partner. If the project has received previous appropriations, it is not eligible. A building or structure may only receive one SAT grant. Previous SAT projects can be viewed here:

<https://go.nps.gov/satmap>.

If the historic structure has been moved, it is probably not eligible for funding. It is best to ask the State Historic Preservation Officer if the proposed work meets the Secretary of Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Buildings (<https://ncshpo.org/>). Work that has already been done prior to SAT funding may have had an adverse effect on the historic features of the building and make it ineligible for the National Register and for SAT funding.

Contractors for the project must be competitively selected, as stipulated under Government- wide Grants Requirements set by OMB. New construction is not eligible. The SAT grant program was created to preserve nationally significant properties by repairing them, not adding to or changing them.

Demolition of an historic building or significant changes to it are not eligible projects under the SAT grant program. The sponsors of this project must agree to a preservation easement or covenant. The National Park Service not only pays for the work to fix the roof, but also ensures that if the property is sold later, then the covenant or easement will bind the new owner to maintain and preserve the historic building that gets the SAT grant.

Questions for National Park Service, Save America's Treasures - Please provide answers in separate Word Document.

1. If the request is for a preservation project, does the property meet the SAT requirement to be listed in the National Register of Historic Places at the national level of significance or to be designated a National Historic Landmark, either individually or as contributing to an historic district?
2. Is the recipient one of the eligible entities under the HPF, as identified in 54 USC 308901?
3. What type of eligible entity is the recipient?
4. Does the recipient have in place, or a plan to provide, the one-to-one match with nonfederal cash and/or in-kind contribution?

5. Would the requested project fund an eligible activity under the SAT program?
6. Is the applicant prepared to accept the required preservation easement/covenant that is required by the program?
7. Has this project been completed or advanced beyond emergency stabilization?
8. Is the applicant financially sound and capable of managing a federal grant so to minimize the risk of fraud, waste, and abuse and loss of federal funding?

Department of the Interior - Land Acquisition through the Land and Water Conservation Fund

Federal acquisition of lands and water and interests therein must be for the purpose of land and habitat conservation and the encouragement of outdoor recreation, as established by the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Act of 1965. Land acquisition project requests funded from the LWCF should be requested through the agency that would manage the land being acquired.

The four land management agencies are: within the Department of the Interior: (1) the Bureau of Land Management (2) the Fish and Wildlife Service (3) the National Park Service; and within the Department of Agriculture (4) the Forest Service.

Third party organizations (i.e. The Nature Conservancy, Trust for Public Land, etc.) frequently participate in the federal acquisition process by coordinating the negotiation and purchase of tracts. If the project you are requesting involves a third-party organization, please be mindful that funding for a land acquisition project goes to the agency that will manage the land.

The Great American Outdoors Act of (Public Law 116-152) and the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Public Law 116-260) mandates that the President submit, along with the upcoming fiscal year's budget request, proposed and supplemental project lists. The Committee will look favorably upon requests for projects that appear in either of these lists. When submitting your request, please indicate whether the project is on these lists.

Questions for Land Acquisition through the Land and Water Conservation Fund projects - Please provide answers in separate Word Document.

1. Is the requested project on either the president's proposed or supplemental LWCF project list submitted by the agency?

Environmental Protection Agency - State and Tribal Assistance Grants (STAG)

The vast majority of requests made to the Interior Subcommittee are for STAG infrastructure grants. These grants fund local wastewater and drinking water infrastructure projects. This includes construction of and modifications to municipal sewage treatment plants and drinking water treatment plants. Similar to past practice, the Committee will be limiting STAG infrastructure grants only to projects that are publicly-owned or owned by a non-profit entity and that are otherwise eligible for the funding from that state's Clean Water or Drinking Water State Revolving Funds (SRF) loan programs.

Requesting entities should use the range of House and Senate project amounts funded in FY22 as a general guide when making requests. In FY22, the majority of EPA STAG infrastructure projects funded in the House bill ranged from \$60,000 - \$3,500,000, though there were a handful of exceptions. Note that the Committee may consider higher project amounts for FY23, and any caps will be determined by the Chair after reviewing the full universe of requests.

Privately-owned projects are NOT eligible for infrastructure grants, even if they are otherwise eligible for assistance under a SRF program. The Committee will look favorably upon requests for projects that are listed on a state's most recent Intended Use Plan.

There is a minimum 20% cost share requirement for any portion of a project funded through a STAG infrastructure grant. For example, a \$1 million project could receive a maximum of \$800,000 from the Federal government, with the remaining \$200,000 the responsibility of the grantee. In almost all cases, other federal funds cannot be used to meet this 20% cost share. **Ability to fund the 20% cost share is required before EPA can award a STAG grant.** Please note that assistance provided by a SRF counts towards the project's matching requirement.

STAG projects have very specific eligibility requirements, and the Committee will not consider projects that do not meet those requirements.

Projects that generally ARE NOT eligible for STAG Grants include:

Clean Water/Wastewater

1. Land: except for projects described in the subsequent table under eligibility #11
2. Operations and Maintenance Costs.
3. Non-Municipal point source Control.
4. Acid Rain Drainage Correction.
5. Ambient Water quality monitoring.
6. Flood Control Projects, unless the project is otherwise managing, reducing, treating, or recapturing stormwater.
7. Privately Owned Sewer Pipes.

Drinking Water

1. Dams or rehabilitation of dams.
2. Operations and Maintenance Costs.
3. Water Rights, except if the water rights are owned by a system that is being purchased through consolidation as part of a capacity development strategy or if the water rights purchase is covered by EPA's DWSRF Class Deviation for Water Rights 2019.
4. Reservoirs, except for finished water reservoirs and those reservoirs that are part of the treatment process and are located on the property where the treatment facility is located.
5. Laboratory Fees for Monitoring.
6. Projects needed mainly for fire protection.

7. Projects for systems that lack adequate technical, managerial, and financial capability, unless assistance will ensure compliance.
8. Projects for systems in significant noncompliance, unless funding will ensure compliance.
9. Projects primarily intended to serve future growth

Projects that generally ARE eligible for STAG Grants:

Clean Water/Wastewater

1. Wastewater treatment plants, including sludge handling facilities - new, upgraded (increase in treatment level) or expanded (increase in treatment capacity) facilities, including biological facilities, mechanical, a lagoon system, a land treatment system, or individual on-site systems.
2. Collector Sewers - Small sewers that convey wastewater from residences, commercial establishments, and industrial sites to larger interceptor sewers.
3. Interceptor Sewers - Large sewers that convey wastewater from collector sewers directly to a wastewater treatment facility.
4. Sewer Pipes - Rehabilitation is eligible only if pipes are publicly owned.
5. Outfall Sewer - A sewer that conveys treated wastewater from a wastewater treatment facility to the receiving waters (i.e., a river, stream, lake, ocean, etc.).
6. Stormwater Management - Measures to manage, reduce, treat, or recapture stormwater or subsurface drainage water (i.e. storm sewers, green infrastructure, etc.).
7. Combined sewer overflow (CSO) control and sanitary sewer overflow (SSO) control - Combined sewers are sewers that convey both wastewater and storm water and may overflow during periods of heavy rain. The costs to correct CSO and SSO overflow problems are eligible.

8. Infiltration/Inflow Correction - Construction activities that prevent surface water or groundwater from entering the sewer system.
9. Water Security - These projects include installation or upgrade of physical security infrastructure such as lighting, fencing, monitoring and access control. Also, cybersecurity measures, installation of safer treatment technologies, and more secure storage of on-site treatment.
10. Septic Tanks - Remediation, rehabilitation, removal and replacement of failing tanks are eligible, as well as installation of new tanks where none had previously existed.
11. Land - The leasing and fee-simple purchase of land, including surface and subsurface easements, needed to locate eligible municipal or tribal projects, and land integral to the treatment process (e.g., land for effluent application or recharge basins), and a place to store equipment and material during POTW construction. Municipal purchase of land and/or conservation easements for source water protection are also eligible.
12. Water Reuse - Projects involving the municipal reuse or recycling of wastewater, stormwater, or subsurface drainage water. This includes but is not limited to the purchase and installation of treatment equipment sufficient to meet reuse standards, distribution systems to support effluent reuse, recharge transmission lines, injection wells, and equipment to reuse effluent (e.g., gray water, condensate, and wastewater effluent reuse systems).
13. Capital Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Projects – e.g., river or streambank restoration, agricultural best management practices (i.e., buffer strips, manure containment structures), wetlands restoration, etc.

Drinking Water

1. Facilitate compliance with national primary drinking water regulations or address serious risks to public health including non-regulated contaminants (i.e. PFAS).
2. Rehabilitate or develop water sources (excluding reservoirs, dams, dam rehabilitation and water rights) to replace contaminated sources.

3. Install or upgrade treatment facilities.
4. Install or upgrade storage facilities, including finished water reservoirs, to prevent microbiological contaminants from entering the water system.
5. Install or replace transmission and distribution pipes to prevent contamination caused by leaks or breaks in the pipe, or improve water pressure to safe levels.
6. Projects to consolidate water supplies – for example, when individual homes or other public water supplies have a water supply that is contaminated, or the system is unable to maintain compliance for financial or managerial reasons – are eligible for DWSRF assistance.
7. Land is eligible only if it is integral to a project that is needed to meet or maintain compliance and further public health protection.
8. Project planning, design and other related costs.

Questions for Environmental Protection Agency, State and Tribal Assistance Grants, Clean Water/Drinking Water infrastructure projects. Please provide answers in separate Word Document

1. Is this a Clean Water SRF project or a Drinking Water SRF project?
2. Does the project have (or expects to have within 12 months) its 20 percent matching fund requirement?
3. Is the project on your state's most recently finalized Clean Water/Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Intended Use Plan?
4. Has the project received federal funds previously? If so, please describe.

U.S. Forest Service - State and Private Forestry

The Forest Service is an agency within the Department of Agriculture. Requests that do not fit into the described categories below are unlikely to be eligible for funding under the Forest Service. The State and Private Forestry account provides technical and financial assistance, usually through the network of State Foresters, to improve the management, protection, and utilization of the Nation's forests.

Community projects are usually limited and include various specific urban and community forestry projects and specific forest disease or pest treatment areas. Community Project Funding requests may also include specific State fire assistance projects or specific forestry assistance projects in this account. Please carefully review the information the Forest Service provides on its website regarding what activities are permitted under the various S&PF programs and consult with your State Forester office if needed to confirm that all of a project's activities are eligible for S&PF funding. Requesters should use the range of House and Senate project amounts funded in FY22 as a general guide for making requests. In FY22, the majority of State and Private Forestry projects in the House bill ranged from \$50,000 - \$750,000. Note that the Committee will consider similar project amounts for FY23, and any caps will be determined by the Chair after reviewing the full universe of requests.

Note, State and Private Forestry projects are required to meet the 1:1 matching requirement mandated by the Forest Service. Keep this in mind when considering the amount being requested for the project. The amount being requested can be no more than half of the total project cost to account for matching funds being used (ex. If a project has been calculated to cost \$200,000, then a request for a CPF can be no more than \$100,000 for that project to allow for 1:1 matching funds to be used.) Additionally, project amounts should be to the nearest thousand (ex. \$100,000 instead of \$100,500).

The Committee will look favorably upon requests for projects that are listed on any federal or state ordinal list or are clearly demonstrated to meet the goals of a State Forest Action Plan(s). Please ensure any requests submitted for S&PF funding include not only full details on the types of activities in the project, but other details relevant to the specific type of S&PF program the project would fall under (ex. For landscape scale restoration, precise location data is needed).

Questions for Forest Service, State and Private Forestry – Please provide answers in separate Word Document.

1. Does the recipient have in place, or a plan to provide, the one-to-one match with nonfederal cash and/or in-kind contribution?
2. Has the project received federal funds previously? If so, please describe.

3. Is the project ranked in a priority setting system/list? If so, please provide list name and rank.
4. How does this project meet the goals of the State Forest Action Plan and/or support community plans?
5. Does this project meet the eligibility requirements of one of the following Forest Service, State and Private Forestry Programs? Landscape Scale Restoration, Forest Health Management, Cooperative Fire Assistance, Forest Stewardship, or Urban and Community Forestry
6. Provide evidence to support the project's eligibility within a specific State and Private Forestry program. Some examples include: (If landscape scale restoration) Does this project meet the eligibility requirements of the Landscape Scale Restoration program as listed in the instructions on the Forest Service website? (If Forest Health Management) Is this project treating a specific insect, disease, or invasive plant infestation listed in the FY23 Forest Service Budget Justification? (If Urban and Community Forestry) How does the project meet the goals outlined in the 2016-2026 Urban Forestry Action plan?

Labor, HHS, and Education Subcommittee

<https://appropriations.house.gov/sites/democrats.appropriations.house.gov/files/FY23%20Labor-HHS-Education%20Request%20Guidance.pdf>

Eligible accounts and criteria are listed below. For your submission please include the following information, or answer the following questions, for all community project funding requests submitted for the Labor-HHS-Education appropriations bill:

1. Please provide a budget breakdown for this project – maximum of 10 budget items (i.e., do not upload a spreadsheet with dozens of budget items)
2. Please provide the website of the entity to receive funding for this project
3. Is the request for one-year funding? (Yes/No)
4. If the request does not fully fund the project, please describe the source(s) of funding necessary to complete the project
5. Please indicate if another Member making a request for this same project (Yes/No)

Department of Labor – Employment and Training Administration Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Demonstration Program

Community project funding is designated under Training and Employment Services. These projects must meet all statutorily mandated requirements, except that they are exempt from the requirement to compete. In addition, all projects must:

1. Include direct services to individuals to enhance employment opportunities;
2. Demonstrate evidence of a linkage with the State or local workforce investment system; and
3. Include an evaluation component.

Equipment purchases may be included within community project funding only as an incidental part of the entire project. A similar standard applies to curriculum development, which should be incidental to the project's emphasis on direct

services to individuals. Community project funding cannot be used for construction or renovation of facilities.

House project amounts in this account were funded between \$100,000 and \$2,000,000 in FY 2022. The Committee may consider slightly higher project amounts for FY 2023. Any caps will be determined by the Chair after reviewing the full universe of requests.

Department of Health and Human Services – Health Resource Services Administration (HRSA)

Requests that fit into one of the below categories are eligible for Community Project Funding under HRSA.

Health Facilities Construction and Equipment

Grants to help with the cost of construction, renovation, or capital equipment for facilities for provision of health, mental health, or substance abuse services, training of health professionals, or medical research. Examples of eligible facilities include hospitals; health centers and clinics; skilled nursing facilities; mental health centers; facilities for schools of medicine, nursing or other health professions; and medical research laboratories.

In addition to construction and renovation, grants can be used to acquire capital equipment, such as lab equipment or x-ray machines. Equipment-only grants—that is, grants not involving construction—are permissible (and commonly done). Generally, any equipment having a useful life of more than one year and a unit cost of at least \$5,000 will be eligible as capital equipment.

In addition, equipment with lower costs may also be eligible, provided that it is treated as an item of capital expense under the recipient institution's pre-existing, written accounting policies. One-time equipment expenses for health information systems and electronic medical records systems are permitted expenditures. The costs of expendable supplies such as pharmaceuticals, lab chemicals, or office paper are not eligible.

HRSA Health Facilities grants *cannot* be used to acquire land or purchase existing buildings, or to pay salaries or other operating costs. They *cannot* be used to pay for work previously completed. Grants can be used for architectural and engineering costs associated with an eligible construction project, but cannot be used for general feasibility studies.

House project amounts in this account were funded between \$100,000 and \$2,000,000 (or up to \$4,000,000 for projects jointly submitted by multiple Members) in FY 2022. Note that the Committee may consider slightly higher project amounts for FY 2023. Any caps will be determined by the Chair after reviewing the full universe of requests.

Department of Health and Human Services – Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

Community project funding within SAMHSA should be submitted through the Health Surveillance and Program Support account. Generally, SAMHSA projects cover:

- Evidence-based substance use disorder and/or mental health treatment services.
- Evidence-based harm reduction activities.
- Crisis services, including 24-hour mobile crisis teams.
- Suicide prevention activities including awareness training, screening, referral to treatment, as well as postvention activities.
- Recovery support services, which includes case management, outreach, peer recovery mentors, peer support specialists, childcare, training, transportation, and housing, as well as helping individuals to navigate these various services.
- Screening and assessment of individuals, including the presence of co-occurring mental and substance use disorders and referral to treatment.
- Referral and access to treatment services.
- Educational materials on substance misuse, HIV prevention, hepatitis prevention, and mental health promotion.
- Practitioners or community members training on evidence-based behavioral health practices.

- FDA-approved medications for the treatment of opioid use disorders in combination with comprehensive psychosocial services, including counseling, behavioral therapies, recovery support services, and other clinically appropriate services.
- Projects that support the hiring of behavioral health providers.
- Limited indirect costs that are directly related to the projects.

Note: This is not an exhaustive list of the types of programs and services that SAMHSA funds. A listing of SAMHSA NOFO's can be found at:

<https://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grantannouncements-2022>.

SAMHSA project funds cannot be used for:

- Inpatient treatment or hospital-based detoxification services.
- Direct payments to individuals to enter treatment or continue to participate in prevention or treatment services.
- Meals and food.
- Research projects (e.g., scientific, academic, clinical trials, studies, development of research technology).
- Construction (other than a limited amount of renovation necessary to carry out a funded project). More information on allowable or unallowable costs can be found on the HHS Webpage at:

<https://www.hhs.gov/grants/grants/index.html>

House project amounts in this account were funded between \$100,000 and \$2,000,000 in FY 2022. The Committee may consider slightly higher project amounts for FY 2023. Any caps will be determined by the Chair after reviewing the full universe of requests.

Department of Health and Human Services - Administration for Children and Families (ACF)

Community project funding within ACF should be submitted through the Children and Families Services Programs account and must fall under one of the following categories:

Child Abuse Prevention — Community project funding may be used for projects to improve the prevention, assessment, identification, and treatment of child abuse and neglect through research, model service improvement, information dissemination, and technical assistance. Projects must serve or target children and families who are at risk or who have experienced child abuse and neglect.

Social Services Research and Demonstration — Community project funding may be used for projects to promote the ability of families to thrive through financial self-sufficiency in order to prevent and reduce poverty and to promote the healthy development and greater well-being of children and families. Projects can serve a diverse population including: low-income individuals, children, youth, families, individuals with developmental disabilities, and Native Americans.

ACF community project funding cannot be used for construction or renovation of facilities.

The House LHHS bill did not include projects in this account in FY 2022. The Committee expects to consider project amounts in this account between \$100,000 and \$2,000,000 for FY 2023. Any caps will be determined by the Chair after reviewing the full universe of requests.

Department of Health and Human Services - Administration for Community Living (ACL)

Community project funding within ACL should be submitted through the Aging and Disability Services Programs account.

Community project funding may be used for projects to improve or create new opportunities for older adults, individuals of all ages with disabilities, and their eligible family caregivers, to live independently and participate fully in their communities. Generally, community project funding should focus on improving access to, or the quality of, education, health services, training, support services, and independent living services for older adults, individuals with disabilities, and eligible family caregivers.

ACL community project funding cannot be used for construction or renovation of facilities.

The House LHHS bill did not include projects in this account in FY 2022. The Committee expects to consider project amounts in this account between \$100,000 and \$2,000,000 for FY 2023. Any caps will be determined by the Chair after reviewing the full universe of requests.

Department of Education – Elementary and Secondary Education – Innovation and Improvement

Community project funding for elementary and secondary education should be submitted through the Innovation and Improvement account. Elementary and secondary education community project funding includes instructional services, afterschool centers, curricula development, teacher training, acquisition of books and computers, arts education, social and emotional learning activities, full-service community schools, and early childhood education. In general, the focus of elementary and secondary education community project funding should be providing early childhood or K-12 educational services.

Community project funding to provide and improve special education services at the elementary and secondary levels are also eligible under elementary and secondary education. Community project funding may include early intervention services for infants and toddlers, transition services, and postsecondary education services.

Eligible grantees are state education agencies, school districts, colleges and universities, and other public and private nonprofit entities. Generally, community project funding intended for individual schools is provided to the applicable school district and not directly to the individual school.

Community project funding cannot be used for construction or renovation of school buildings, except in the case of minor remodeling required as part of technology upgrades. Daycare and childcare projects that do not include educational services are also not eligible.

House project amounts in this account were funded between \$100,000 and \$2,000,000 in FY 2022. The Committee may consider slightly higher project amounts for FY 2023. Any caps will be determined by the Chair after reviewing the full universe of requests.

Department of Education – Postsecondary Education Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE)

Community project funding can be designated under this heading for a wide variety of higher education projects. Generally, community project funding should focus on improving access to, or the quality of, postsecondary education. Community project funding cannot be used for construction or renovation of academic buildings, except in the case of minor remodeling required as part of technology upgrades.

Examples of the types of projects that can be funded under FIPSE include projects to hire and train faculty, establish and improve degree programs, improve teacher preparation programs, develop and improve curricula, upgrade technology and telecommunications, acquire science laboratory equipment, provide student support, implement university partnerships with school districts, and establish research and training centers.

Grantees are usually colleges and universities but may include other public and private nonprofit organizations.

House project amounts in this account were funded between \$100,000 and \$2,000,000 in FY 2022. The Committee may consider slightly higher project amounts for FY 2023. Any caps will be determined by the Chair after reviewing the full universe of requests.

Limitations on Education-Related Community Project Funding

Except where specifically authorized, community project funding cannot be used for construction (or the acquisition of property) or renovation of buildings. In addition, grantees may not restrict participants based on race, ethnicity or

gender. Finally, recipients of community project funding may not sub-grant to other organizations or agencies.

Military Construction, Veterans Affairs

Subcommittee

<https://appropriations.house.gov/sites/democrats.appropriations.house.gov/files/FY23%20MilConVa%20Member%20Request%20Guide.pdf>

Construction and Unspecified Minor Construction– Active Components

Eligible community project requests include both construction and unspecified minor military construction projects for active components. An unspecified minor military construction project is a project that has an approved cost equal to or less than \$6,000,000. The types of projects under this heading include construction, installation, equipment of temporary or permanent public works, military installations, and facilities for the accounts listed below:

- Army
- Navy and Marine Corps
- Air Force
- Defense-Wide Agencies (SOCOM, DHA, etc.)

Construction and Unspecified Minor Construction– Reserve Components

Eligible community project requests include both construction and unspecified minor military construction projects for Reserve Components. An unspecified minor military construction project is a project that has an approved cost equal to or less than \$6,000,000. ***Some Reserve Component projects require a State funding match.*** Requesting offices must determine whether the proposed project requires such a match and if so, confirm that the project has current State match funding before the request can be considered. The types of projects under this heading include construction, expansion, rehabilitation, and conversion of facilities for training and administration for the accounts listed below:

- Army National Guard
- Air National Guard
- Army Reserve
- Navy Reserve
- Air Force Reserve

Planning and Design

The types of projects under this heading include improving facility resilience, study, planning, design, and architect and engineer services for the accounts listed below:

- Army
- Navy and Marine Corps
- Air Force
- Space Force
- Defense-Wide Agencies (SOCOM, DHA, etc.)
- Army National Guard
- Air National Guard
- Army Reserve
- Navy Reserve
- Air Force Reserve

Lists of Eligible Community Projects

The eligible lists of community projects are those that are submitted to Congress by the Secretary of Defense or his/her designee. *Projects that only appear on a list or FYDP provided by a base commander will not be accepted.* Such lists include:

- **Future Year Defense Program (FYDP)** – FYDP is a projection of the forces, resources, and programs needed to support Department of Defense (DOD) operations over a five-year span. The FYDP is released simultaneously with the President's budget request. The updated document listing projects eligible for FY 2022 will be obtainable after the FY 2022 full budget rollout, through the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) website: <https://comptroller.defense.gov/Budget-Materials/>.
- **Unfunded Requirements/Unfunded Priorities Lists (UFRs/UPLs)** – UFRs/UPLs are lists that each Service provides to Congress that identify priority projects which were not included in the President's budget request. These lists must be approved by the Secretary of Defense. UFRs/UPLs become available to Congress on the date of the President's full budget release (not skinny budget) and can be found by contacting the Congressional Liaison Offices of the Armed Services.
- **Cost-to-completes (CTCs)** – CTCs are projects that have previously received an appropriation but require additional funding for completion. These lists

represent the requirements identified by each Service for the additional funding necessary to complete a project. The lists are approved by each Service Secretary and can be obtained by contacting the Congressional Liaison Offices of the Armed Services.

These lists include projects, ongoing and upcoming, that ensure long-term viability, better readiness, increased resiliency, improved living and working conditions for service members and their families, and significant cost savings in perpetuity. **Once FY 2023 lists are released to Congress, the subcommittee will recirculate this guidance with active hyperlinks so that you will be able to be routed to the official document.**

As indicated above, some Reserve Component projects will additionally require a corresponding State funding match. Please verify said funding before submission. The Committee will not waive match requirements.

For your reference, current Milcon authorizations may be found in the FY22 NDAA DIVISION B—MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AUTHORIZATIONS, which you can access by clicking [HERE](#).

The average award for Military Construction projects in FY 2022 was \$18 million. Note the Committee may consider similar project amounts for FY 2023, and any caps will be determined by the Chair after reviewing the full universe of requests.

*Projects that will be in the President's budget request for FY22 will be determined when the budget submission is officially presented to Congress. This includes FY22 FYDP, UFRs, and CTCs lists.

For Community Project Funding requests for DOD Military Construction, you will need to answer supplemental questions in support of these requests specifically. Please provide answers to the following questions in a separate word document:

1. Which Service is the project for?
2. State/territory where project is located.
3. Installation Name
4. Project Name and Amount
5. Planning and Design

6. Is the funding request for major construction, minor construction, or planning and design?
7. Is the project on the FY 2023-2027 FYDP?
8. Is the project on a Service unfunded requirement (UFR) or unfunded priority list (UPL)?
9. Is the project a cost-to-complete from a prior year? If so, what year?
10. DD Form 1391.
11. If a Reserve Component project, does it require a State funding match?
12. Is the project at 35 percent design and shovel-ready in FY 2023?
13. Can the project funds be obligated within 12 months of enactment of the bill?
14. If a construction funding request, has the Environmental Impact Study been initiated?
15. Was the project previously authorized? If not, has a corresponding request been submitted to HASC?

Department of Veterans Affairs- Minor Construction Projects

The following information outlines the type of projects that are eligible to be considered for community project funding, provided that they comply with the specified guidelines listed below. The subcommittee will not consider requests for community projects unless they appear on VA's 2023 Construction SCIP List

Veterans memorials, parks, museums, and other similar projects are not eligible for community project funding. Funds are also not available for direct grants to veterans organizations or for local programmatic efforts.

VA has three types of construction projects: Major Construction (projects that are expected to cost above \$20,000,000), Minor Construction (projects that are expected to cost equal to or less than \$20,000,000), and Nonrecurring Maintenance (NRM) (projects that consist of upkeep, construction and maintaining building systems). The classification of each construction project is determined by VA.

Community project funding requests are eligible ONLY for VA Minor Construction projects. VA's Minor Construction program includes capital projects with costs equal to or less than \$20,000,000, particularly projects that construct new space instead of renovating existing space. Examples may include expanding existing facility square footage to provide additional healthcare capacity, construction of specialty care buildings or clinics, building of parking structures, or expanding gravesite space at cemeteries.

The Committee will only consider projects that appear on VA's Integrated Departmentwide Priority List for 2023 Construction Projects (2023 Construction SCIP List). This list will be included in the FY 2023 President's Budget submission.

The yearly Construction SCIP List includes projects that have been reviewed by VA and are determined to be at an advanced enough stage to receive funds. This will ensure that Federal dollars are not set aside for projects that are not yet ready to spend them. Please note that while this list includes both Major Construction and Minor Construction projects, only Minor Construction projects will be considered for Member requests.

The subcommittee strongly encourages requesting entities to familiarize themselves with VA's process for identifying and prioritizing construction needs at its facilities. As part of the annual President's Budget submission, VA submits four volumes of additional detail. Volume IV details the Construction and the Long Range Capital Plan. For your reference, the prior year 2022 Construction Strategic Capital Investment Planning Process Project (SCIP) List can be found in Table 5-1 within the FY 2022 VA budget submission, available at:

<https://www.va.gov/budget/docs/summary/fy2022VAbudgetVolumeIVconstructionAndLongRangePlan.pdf>

A discussion of the FY 2022 list begins on page 281 in the linked document, and the list itself begins on page 282. While VA may change this list from year to year, this will enable you to become familiar with VA's project identification process.

Criteria for VA Community Project Funding (CPF):

- The subcommittee will consider supporting Community Project Funding only for VA Minor Construction projects that are equal to or less than \$20,000,000 in total estimated project cost, and they must be included in

the 2023 Construction SCIP List (this list will be included in the FY 2023 President's Budget submission materials).

- Projects must be listed as unfunded on VA's 2023 Construction SCIP List with \$0 in the 2023 Request column. Projects with a dollar amount in the 2023 Request column are requested in the President's budget request, and if requested, should be submitted as programmatic requests.
- Funding for a CPF project will be capped at 10 percent of the total estimated cost of the project to support planning and design that can be executed within twelve months of receiving funding. (Similar projects on the FY 2022 list would generally have been in the range of \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000.)
 - Exceptions to the 10 percent cap may be made for projects where construction is ready to be supported in year one, and only applies to some National Cemetery Administration (NCA) Minor Construction projects. Please consult with the subcommittee and VA to determine if the full scope of an NCA project can be executable in one year.
- Final decision on funding caps will be determined by the Chair after reviewing the full universe of requests.

For Community Project Funding requests for VA Minor Construction, please provide answers to the following supplemental questions in a separate Word Document.

1. State/territory where the project is located.
2. City where the project is located.
3. Veterans Integrated Services Network (VISN) where the project is located or VA Administration.
4. Specific facility where the project is located.
5. Is the project listed on VA's 2023 Construction Strategic Capital Investment Planning (SCIP) list?
6. VA Construction Program Type (note – only Minor Construction projects are eligible for CPF funding).
7. What is the total estimated cost of the project? (must be equal to or less than \$20 million)
8. Where is the project in the construction process? [Planning; Design; Awaiting construction; In the middle of construction; Other, please explain]

9. Please provide a history of Federal funding for the project, if any.
10. Can the project funds be obligated within 12 months of enactment of the bill?
11. Why is the project a priority for the Congressional district?
12. Who is the point of contact in the requesting office?

Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development Subcommittee

Department of Transportation – Transit Infrastructure Projects -

<https://appropriations.house.gov/sites/democrats.appropriations.house.gov/files/FY23%20THUD%20Guidance%20for%20Transit%20Infrastructure%20Projects.pdf>

Transit Infrastructure Projects are public transportation capital projects eligible under chapter 53 of title 49 of the United States Code. Eligible capital projects are described under Section 5302(4) of title 49, United States Code, and Section 5339(b)(1) and (c)(1)(B) of title 49, United States Code.

All projects must be:

- Transit capital projects or project-specific planning/design for a transit capital project.
- Supported by the state, local governmental authority, or Tribal government that would administer the project. Inclusion on a Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) or Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) would satisfy this requirement.
- Administered by public entities or Tribal entities.

Public transportation or transit is defined in Section 5302(15) and (22) of title 49, United States Code, as regular, continuing shared-ride surface transportation that is open to the general public or open to a segment of the general public defined by age, disability, or low income, and does not include intercity passenger rail transportation, intercity bus service, charter bus service, school bus service, sightseeing service, courtesy shuttle service for patrons of one or more specific establishments, or intra-terminal or intra-facility shuttle services.

The Subcommittee will not fund activities that are administrative in nature even if they are eligible expenses under the statutory citation. These include general operating expenses, and activities authorized under sections 5303, 5304, and 5305 of title 49, United States Code. The Subcommittee will continue to treat the

Capital Investment Grants (CIG) program as programmatic requests and will not fund CIG projects under Transit Infrastructure Projects, consistent with the fiscal year 2022 process.

The average award in this account for fiscal year 2022 was \$2.5 million. Note that the Committee may consider project amounts of up to \$7 million for FY23, but any caps will be determined by the Chairman after reviewing the full universe of requests.

For each Transit Infrastructure Projects request, requesting entities will need to provide answers to the following questions in a separate Word Document.

1. Project Name a very brief description of what the funds will be used for and the project's location.
2. General description of the project and why it is needed.
3. What are the benefits of this project and why is it a priority?
4. Amount requested for the community project
5. Total project cost. (NOTE: Provide the amount of the total cost of the project as outlined in the STIP or TIP, if applicable)
6. Can the project obligate all appropriated funds within 12 months after enactment? If not, what would be the expected date of obligation? (NOTE: Obligation occurs when a project sponsor signs a grant agreement with a federal agency.)
7. Estimated start and completion dates.
8. Has the request been submitted to another Subcommittee or Committee this fiscal year? If yes, which one(s)?
9. Does the project have other public (federal, state, local) and/or private funds committed to meet match or cost-share requirements for costs related to construction, operations, and maintenance? If so, what is the source and amount of those funds? (NOTE: The cost-share requirements are defined in statute. In general, transit capital projects typically require 20 percent local share.)
10. Does the project require an environmental review? If so, what is the status and/or outcome of the environmental review and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) category of action (if applicable)?

11. Where is the project in the construction process? (NOTE: Drop down options will include: Planning and Environmental Review, Final Design, Right of Way, Capital purchase or lease (including bus purchases), Construction, and Other (please specify).
12. Was the project on a State, Tribal or territorial Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) or a transportation improvement plan (TIP) as of 12/31/2021? If yes, please provide a link to the plan.
13. Please provide the STIP or TIP ID Number and specify which plan (ex. North Carolina STIP, New York Metropolitan Transportation Council TIP) the ID Number comes from.
14. Please provide a history of federal funding for the project, if any. Include both formula funds and any discretionary grants. (EXAMPLE: FY20 TIGER/BUILD Grant: \$10 million; FTA Formula Funds: \$5 million.)
15. If the request does not fully fund the project, describe where the remaining funding comes from to complete the project. (EXAMPLE: Unidentified State funds will compose 10 percent of the remaining cost and previously identified federal formula funds will make up the rest.)

Department of Transportation – Highway Infrastructure Projects

<https://appropriations.house.gov/sites/democrats.appropriations.house.gov/files/FY23%20THUD%20Guidance%20for%20Highway%20Infrastructure%20Projects.pdf>

Highway Infrastructure Projects are capital projects eligible under title 23 of the United States Code. Eligible projects are described under Section 133(b) of title 23, United States Code, as amended by title III of division A of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. Tribal and territorial capital projects authorized under Chapter 2 of title 23, United States Code, are also eligible.

All projects must be:

- Capital projects or project-specific planning/design for a capital project.
- Supported by the state or Tribal government that would administer the project. Inclusion on a Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) or Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) would satisfy this requirement.
- Administered by public entities or Tribal entities.

The Subcommittee will not fund activities that are administrative in nature even if they are eligible expenses under the statutory citation. These include general operating expenses, and activities required under sections 134 and 135 of title 23, United States Code.

The average award in this account for fiscal year 2022 was \$2.7 million. Note that the Committee may consider project amounts of up to \$7 million for FY23, but any caps will be determined by the Chairman after reviewing the full universe of requests.

For each Highway Infrastructure Projects request, Requesters will need to provide answers to the following questions in a separate Word Document.

1. Project Name a very brief description of what the funds will be used for and the project's location.
2. General description of the project and why it is needed.
3. What are the benefits of this project and why is it a priority?
4. Amount requested for the community project
5. Total project cost. (NOTE: Provide the amount of the total cost of the project as outlined in the STIP or TIP, if applicable)
6. Can the project obligate all appropriated funds within 12 months after enactment? If not, what would be the expected date of obligation? (NOTE: Obligation occurs when a project sponsor signs a grant agreement with a federal agency.)
7. Estimated start and completion dates.
8. Has the request been submitted to another Subcommittee or Committee this fiscal year? If yes, which one(s)?
9. Does the project have other public (federal, state, local) and/or private funds committed to meet match or cost-share requirements for costs related to construction, operations, and maintenance? If so, what is the source and amount of those funds? (NOTE: The [cost-share](#) requirements are defined in statute and vary based on activity, location, and other factors.

10. Does the project require an environmental review? If so, what is the status and/or outcome of the environmental review and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) category of action (if applicable)?
11. Type of project eligible under 23 USC 133(b): (NOTE: Options include: Highway, Bridge, EV Charging Infrastructure, Wildlife Crossing, Bike/Pedestrian, and Other (please specify))
12. Where is the project in the construction process? (NOTE: Drop down options will include: Planning and Environmental Review, Final Design, Right of Way, Capital purchase or lease, Construction, and Other (please specify)).
13. Was the project on a State, Tribal or territorial Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) or a transportation improvement plan (TIP) as of 12/31/2021? If yes, please provide a link to the plan.
14. Please provide the STIP or TIP ID Number and specify which plan (ex. North Carolina STIP, New York Metropolitan Transportation Council TIP) the ID Number comes from.
15. Please provide a history of federal funding for the project, if any. Include both formula funds and any discretionary grants. (EXAMPLE: FY20 TIGER/BUILD Grant: \$10 million; FHWA Formula Funds: \$5 million.)
16. If the request does not fully fund the project, describe where the remaining funding comes from to complete the project. (EXAMPLE: Unidentified State funds will compose 10 percent of the remaining cost and previously identified federal formula funds (STBG) will make up the rest.)

Department of Transportation – Airport Improvement Program (AIP)

<https://appropriations.house.gov/sites/democrats.appropriations.house.gov/files/FY23%20HUD%20Guidance%20for%20Airport%20Improvement%20Program.pdf>

AIP community project requests may be used for enhancing airport safety, capacity, and security, and mitigating environmental concerns.

All projects must be:

- AIP eligible in accordance with sections 47101 to 47175 of title 49, United States Code, and FAA [policy and guidance](#).
- Supported broadly by local stakeholders, including residents, businesses, and elected officials.
- Administered by an airport and/or airport sponsor.

The average award in this account for FY22 was \$4 million. Note that the Committee may consider project amounts of up to \$7 million for FY23, but any caps will be determined by the Chairman after reviewing the full universe of requests. Please ensure community project funding requests are not duplicative of requests to another Committee or Subcommittee.

For each AIP community project funding request, Requesters will need to provide answers to the following questions in a separate Word Document.

1. Project Name, including 3 letter airport code and location.
2. General description of the project and why it is needed.
3. What are the benefits of this project and why is it a priority?
4. Amount requested for the community project for FY23 and the total project cost. (NOTE: The community project funding may be a subset of the total project cost.)
5. Can the project obligate all appropriated funds within 12 months after enactment? If not, what would be the expected date of obligation? NOTE: Obligation occurs when a project sponsor signs a grant agreement with a federal agency.
6. Estimated start and completion dates.
7. Has the request been submitted to another Subcommittee or Committee this fiscal year? If yes, which one(s)?
8. Does the project have other public (federal, state, local) and/or private funds for the required cost-share and committed for the forecasted operations and maintenance costs? If so, what is the source and amount of those funds?
9. Does the project require an environmental review? If so, what is the status and/or outcome of the environmental review and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) category of action (if applicable)?

10. How will the project contribute to the airport's [disadvantaged business enterprise](#) goals?
11. Has the project received previous Federal funding? If so, how much and which public law (e.g., appropriations act or authorization act) provided it?
12. Is the project [AIP-eligible](#)?
13. Has the airport submitted a grant application for this same project to FAA? If so, when?
14. Would the project increase or decrease air traffic?
15. Would the project increase or decrease aviation safety?
16. Would the project increase or decrease environmental risks?
17. Does the airport and airport sponsor support the project?
18. Are there any stakeholders - such as residents that live near the airport, state or local officials, state department of transportation officials - that oppose the project?

Department of Housing and Urban Development – Economic Development Initiative (EDI) -

<https://appropriations.house.gov/sites/democrats.appropriations.house.gov/files/FY23%20THUD%20Guidance%20for%20Economic%20Development.pdf>

EDI community project requests may be used for economic and community development activities, including land or site acquisition, demolition or rehabilitation of housing or facilities, construction and capital improvements of public facilities (including water and sewer facilities), and public services.

Requests may also include planning and other activities consistent with previously funded activities eligible under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program (title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended (42 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.)), unless otherwise specified. EDI community project funding is not eligible for the reimbursement of expenses for activities or costs incurred prior to the obligation of funds, if such activities are not eligible under the CDBG program. Capital and operating expenses for fire and police stations are not eligible for EDI community project funding.

All projects must be:

- Supported broadly by local stakeholders, including residents, businesses, and elected officials.
- Administered by governmental or non-profit entities, including public housing agencies, as well as tribes and tribally designated housing entities.

The average award in this account for fiscal year 2022 was \$1.5 million. Note that the Committee may consider project amounts of up to \$4 million for FY23, but any caps will be determined by the Chairman after reviewing the full universe of requests.

For each EDI community project funding request, Requesters will need to provide answers to the following questions in a separate Word Document.

1. Project Name including location
2. General description of the project and why it is needed.
3. What are the benefits of this project and why is it a priority?
4. Amount requested for the community project funding and the total project cost
5. Can the project obligate all appropriated funds within 12 months after enactment? If not, what would be the expected date of obligation? (NOTE: Obligation occurs when a project sponsor signs a grant agreement with a federal agency.)
6. Estimated start and completion dates.
7. Has the request been submitted to another Subcommittee or Committee this fiscal year? If yes, which one(s)?
8. Does the project have other public (federal, state, local) and/or private funds committed to meet match or cost-share requirements for costs related to construction, operations, and maintenance? If so, what is the source and amount of those funds? (NOTE: EDI community project funding does not have a match requirement.)
9. Does the project require an environmental review? If so, what is the status and/or outcome of the environmental review and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) category of action (if applicable)?
10. Is the project purpose primarily for services, new construction, rehabilitation, land or site acquisition, planning, or economic development?

11. Does the project primarily benefit persons of low-income or Tribal communities? If yes, please describe who the project is intended to benefit.
12. Who are the community partners participating in this project?
13. If the project purpose is for new construction or land or site acquisition, does it comply with local zoning requirements?
14. Is the project included or supported by an identified priority area within a state or local HUD Consolidated Plan? If yes, please provide a link to the plan.
15. Is the project intended to address climate change, resiliency, mobility, or equitable access to housing or services?

Frequently Asked Questions

The process of requesting and submitting requests for Community Project Funding can be confusing. Here are some of the most frequently asked questions about the process.

What is Community Project Funding?

Community Project Funding is generally defined as spending provisions in federal legislation that:

- Are requested on behalf of constituents or constituent organizations by a Member of Congress or Senator;
- Provides, authorizes, or recommends a specific amount of discretionary budget authority, credit authority, or specific funding amount to a specific entity for a specific purpose; and,
- The purpose of the project must meet the objective of a federal program under existing law.

Community Project Funding is typically requested for projects with a clear purpose and goal above and beyond normal operating activities, for which private, non-federal funding is not available or sufficient. Community Project Funding will typically only serve as a partial contribution to the total cost of a project.

Is there a deadline for submitting a request?

Yes. The deadline to submit a Community Project Funding request to Rep. Walberg's office is April 20, 2022

What if I miss a deadline? Are any exceptions made if the bill hasn't been passed?

After April 20, 2022, Rep. Walberg office will be required to vet each proposed project and submit to the Appropriations Committee. In addition, there are numerous disclosures and other requirements that accompany each request. As a result, **Rep. Walberg will not accept requests after April 20, 2022.**

Are Community Project Funding requests publicly disclosed?

Yes. All requests for Community Project Funding submitted by the Rep. Walberg to the Committee for consideration will be publicly listed on Rep. Walberg's website, including the name and address of the requestor, the amount requested, and the justification for use of taxpayer funds. This is a requirement of the process.

Are there limitations on what Community Project Funding can be used for?

Yes. Federal Programs have very specific restrictions on how federal funds can be used. It is recommended that you closely examine this guide for references to eligible uses or limitations on use. Generally, funding cannot be used for debt service, recurring or routine expenses, reimbursement of costs, or projects that cannot demonstrate value to the community.

Can I request funding for building construction or renovation?

In general, no. Most appropriations accounts specifically prohibit this kind of project given the high demand. There are some exceptions to this rule, including the Economic Development Initiative under the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and certain projects under the Military Construction Subcommittee, etc. Please review any account closely for any prohibitions.

How much should I request?

It depends on the account from which you are requesting funds. You should not request more funds than you need or that can be realistically spent in the Fiscal Year for which you receive the funds. Some of the account descriptions listed in this resource guide provide recommendation or examples of previously authorized amounts and requesters are strongly encouraged to follow previous examples. In addition, you may wish to review the Community Projects awarded funding for [FY 2022](#) as a guideline for funding levels.

Please remember that projects are rarely funded fully due to budgetary restraints. Receipt of funds from Community Project Funding in one Fiscal Year is not a guarantee for Community Project Funding in future Fiscal Years.

What if I do not know the appropriate Account or Agency for my project request?

All accounts available for Community Project Requests have been outlined above. If your project does not fit into one of those accounts, it is likely not eligible for funding.

If my project is funded, will I receive the full amount I request?

There is no guarantee that an approved Community Project Funding request will be funded at the requested level. The Appropriations Committee will be receiving similar requests from all Members of Congress and will prioritize accordingly.

Do I need letters of support?

Yes. The more community support for a project, the better. As listed above, letters of support from local, municipal, and state elected officials and stakeholders, on the importance and necessity of the project are all important.

I submitted a request. Will it be approved? When will I know?

Any project submitted to the Committee will be posted on Rep. Walberg's website. Once submitted, the House Appropriations Subcommittee Chairs and Ranking Members will determine which projects are included in the appropriation bills. The bill must then be approved by the House, Senate, and signed into law by the President. Please know this is a lengthy process but our office will respond to any questions you may have throughout the process.

Can I depend on receiving Community Project Funding for the same project more than once?

Generally, no. Most successful requests are one-time infusions of funding, generally used to launch a project or partially contribute towards the total cost of a project. Given the limitations on the appropriations process for Community Project Funding, there is no guarantee that Congress will support a project for more than one year. However, you may discuss the needs of your project with your our office if you believe that federal support will be needed beyond a single fiscal year.